THE MURDERER CONFESSES.

An Express Messenger Killed By Another And Robs The Safe.

A BLOOD-CURDLING CRIME.

Columbus, O., Aug. 14.—Charles R. H. Ferrell, a former employe of the Adams Express Company, was arrested in this city and has confessed to the killing of Messenger Charles Lane and the robbery of the way safe of the Adams Express Company on a Pennaylvania east bound train. One thousand dollars of the money which he had stolen was recovered.

Ferrell was to have married Miss Littian Costlow, daughter of Patrick Costlow, an engineer on the Pennsylvania lines. He had been discharged from the employ of the Adams Express Company about three months ago and had not since been able to secure emplayment. He confessed that the motive of the robbery was to secure money, of which he felt in great need on account of his approaching marriage. The money recovered he had given to Miss Costlow to keep for him, saying it was money he had saved from his earnings.

He was at the home of his afflanced and in her company when placed under arrest.

Ferrell is but 22 years of age, and has a splendid physique, being six feet in height, with dark hair and an attractive face.

The confession of Ferrell disclosed a premeditated and blood-curdling crime peace. that seemed almost impossible to belief. He said that he had become desperate because of his inability to secure employment, and a realization of the fact that he must have money to defray the expenses of his approaching marriage. The robbery had been carefully planned and it included the murder of Express Messenger Lane. He had no accomplices and no confidants.

More Americans Bother Mr. Stowe. Washington, Aug. 11.—The state department has received from Consul General Stowe at Cape Town, another dispatch relative to the shipment of Americans as volunteers at New Orleans on British transports. In this instance Mr. Stowe remarks that he sends home free all who apply to him, but adds: "I no sooner clear one vessel than another comes into port with more Americans who have been so foolish as to ship with mules for this further shipments of these muleteers ought to be prevented. The means used to obtain men at New Orleans, as told by the men, are simply disgrace-

Rob Knocks Out Gos.

New York, Aug. 13.-Bob Fitzsimmons, of Australia, but now an American citizen, met Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant, before the Twentieth Century Club, at Madison Square garden and won by knocking the Ohioan down and out in the sixth round. Before the fight and for some weeks past there have been many reports to the effect that Fitz was too old to cope successfully with his younger

Yellowstone Park Fires Out.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo., Aug. 10. -Reports received from the vicinity of Shoshone lake are that the fires raging in Yellowstone Park have been extinguished by a heavy rain, and investigation shows that the loss is not serious and that travel has not been

Destitution at Cape Nome, San Francisco, Aug. 11.-Chas. D. Law, the well known miner says: "General Randall has been successful in maintaining peace, but the military force there finds it next to impossible to enforce the sanitary regulations necessary to preserve the health of the beach and are prospecting in the guiches. Rumors of gold finds are heard occasionally but they are without confirmation." Steamers could not bring out the destitute, even if no

Telegraph Companies Make Defense. Chicago, Aug. 10.-The Western Union and the Postal telegraph companies will jointly appeal to the federal court for a dissolution of the permanent injunction granted by Judge W. A. Henry of Kansas City to the Christie-Street Commission company and the Grain Brokerage company of Kansas City, which restrains the telegraph companies from refusing to furnish them with market quotations of the Chicago board of trade.

Baby in an Incubator. Topeka, Aug. 14 .- A baby incubator is now being used in Topeka. Last Tuesday Mrs. R. A. Demart gave birth to a three-pound daughter. The physicians said the only way the child could live would be by the use of an incubator, so one was procured. The Demart home is now the center of attraction. People go there to take a look at the baby in the incubator just as they would go to a zoological garCANNOT LISTEN TO IT

Until the President's Three Demands are Complied With.

Washington, Aug. 14 .- By direction of the president the secretary of state presented to Minister Wu, for transmission to his government, the reply of the United States to an imperial edict appointing Li Hung Chang envoy to negotiate with the powers for a cessation of hostilities. In effect the reply is a reiteration or the demands previously made by the United States upon China, coupled with a vigorous intimation that no negotiations will be entered into until the Chinese government shall have complied with those demands.

Until these demands have been acceded to the government of the United States and probably the European governments, all of which have made practically the same demands upon China, will refuse to consent to a "cessation of hostile demonstrations" which are being conducted, at least so far as this government is concerned, with the sole purpose of succoring the beseiged legationers in the Chinese

Minister Wu is inclined to take an optimistic view of the situation; but it can be said authoritatively that his view is not shared in full by the Washington officials. There is no disposition evident to abate by one single jot the demands made upon China. strong hope is expressed, however, that the Chinese government will accede to the demands eventually and, perhaps, very soon. This hope is based upon the edict appointing Earl Li to sue for

Strength of Allied Forces.

Berlin, Aug. 13 .- According to present orders from the powers the middle of August will see, altogether, 40,500 available troops with 162 guns in the province of Pei Chei Li. By the end of September there will be 78,000 with 280 guns, not including the troops at Shanghai, Canton and Pekin. Russia now has 37,000 with 104 guns, concentrating in Manchuria, and 105,000 more, and 138 guns, now forming for invasion. Altogether 230,000 men with 500 guns, will be in China within six weeks; and altogether 117 war vessels, exclusive of 21 torpedo boats, are now watching the Chinese coast, of which 70 are in the gulf of Pei Chi Li."

Waldersee to Command All. Berlin, Aug. 13 .- Count Waldersee has given up going to China by way of San Francisco. He starts Aug. 21 and expects to reach Shanghai on September 22. He states that one reason of the country. Over 500 have arrived, and change is that he can be better reached by telegraph on the way. He said: "I am very glad to hear that my appointment has been received in the United States with approval. You see (this was smilingly) I am half an Amer ican myself."

Chin-Chin is Off.

Washington, Aug. 13.-It is now plain truth that the Chinese government has been trying to deceive the foreign ministers. Conger was told by the high officials in Pekin, that the United States government was anxious for him to go to Tien Tsin with a Chinese escort. The state department has evidently made the Chinamen face their lie and has told them to expect no further friendly messages.

An Ohio Colony.

Massillon, Ohio, Aug. 10.-Fifty residents of this city have started for Oklahoma, where they will take up claims on government land and establish a colony under plans which have been formed by local labor leaders. They will form a plan of government in conformity with the peculiar ideas of local students of socialistic problems.

Excessive Heat.

Chicago, Aug. 11.-The prolonged heat is having a serious effect on business. All of those who can leave the city for points along the lake shore and in the woods are going, and many have materially curtailed their hours of labor. This is especially true in the humanity. Practical miners have left large office buildings. Gangs of laborers all over the city laid off during the afternoon. There were four deaths due to heat and twenty-nine prostrations, three of which are fatal. Excessive heat is reported from eastern and northwestern states.

Towne Out of the Race. Duluth, Minn., Aug. 10.-Charles A. Towne has declined the nomination tendered him by the populist national convention at Sioux Falls. His letter is of considerable length and set forth fully Mr. Towne's views in regard to the nomination. It is believed here the populist committee empowered to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Towne's withdrawal will immediately endorse Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president on the ticket with W. J. Bryan.

Salaries Held Up.

Topeka, Aug. 14 .- Acting upon the opinion of the attorney general. Auditor Cole has held up the July salaries of Judge E. E. Sapp of the court of common pleas of Crawford county, and that of his stenographer, \$208.30 and

\$100 respectively. The supreme court some time ago declared the court of common pleas to be an illegal tribunal. A petition was filed for a rehearing, which is pending. don. Callers are so numerous that the | Meanwhile Sapp attempted to draw his family is compelled to close the doors. | salary with the result as stated.

PLOT FOR ASSASSINATION

Would Capture Lord Roberts And Shoot His Officers.

PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

London, Aug. 13.-The Daily News has the following dispatch from Pre-

A plot to shoot all the British officers and to make Lord Roberts a prisoner has been opportunely discovered. Ten of the ringleaders were arrested and are now in jail.

Probably the plot was part of a conat Johannesburg was the first indica-Everything was prepared in the plot

to make Lord Roberts a prisoner and shoot the British officers, and the conspiracy was only discovered at the last moment. The conspirators numbered | der Chinese escort. about fifteen. They had planned to set fire to the houses in the extreme western part of the city, hoping that the troops would be concentrated there. The plan was that then the conspirators were forcibly to enter all houses occupied by British officers, these having been previously marked, and kill the occupants. All the Boer sympathizers were acquainted with the plot and several had been told off to to hurry with him to the nearest commando. Horses had been obtained for this purpose. Then the British learned the names of the ringleaders, who were put under arrest. The affair has created a tremendous sensation.

Frenchmen Make Grimage. Paris, August 14.-Though official France when forced to a decision will graciously admit the superior rank of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee and announce him as generalissimo of press and French citizens will accept the situation with a grimace such as bitter medicine produces. Though enough to efface the memory of the even though an expeditionary force under a German commander will be sufficient to throw the anti-Republican press into qualms of resentment.

Farmer Kills Six Boys.

Cleburne, Tex., Aug. 14.-At Bluffdale, an isolated place west of this city, the people are greatly worked up. Boys ate and destroyed many melons. A few days later the boys wrote the farmer a note, telling him they were going to visit his patch again, and more melons than before. The farmer split the stems of some of the melons and inserted strychnine. Six boys visited the patch and ate of the melons. Two boys died in the patch, two died on the way home and two died after reaching their homes.

Seventy-Eight Millions.

Topeka, Aug. 11 .- Secretary Coburn, of the state board of agriculture, has issued a bulletin estimating the Kanas wheat yield at 78,081,000 bushels. This is the largest crop in the state's history. There will be a heavy shortage in corn, the present condition of the crop being placed at 56. There is | still 48,000,000 bushels of old corn in the state.

China Suing For Peace.

London, Aug. 13 .- The morning paners express satisfaction at the latest developments in China. The average comment is that China is now genuinely suing for peace through Li Hung

Commanders Have Agreed.

Washington Aug. 10.-Gen. Chaffee's dispatch to the War department conveyed the most satisfactory evidences that the commanders had thoroughly agreed in advance upon a plan of action, and that there is every indication that this plan had been followed, as General Chaffee sent a cable saying that the attack upon the Chinese at Pei Tsang would be made on Sudday, the day when Admiral Remey and the press correspondent say the fighting occurred.

Ballast Cars Ordered.

Topeka, Aug. 9 .- The Santa Fe company has placed an order for 200 modern ballast cars to be used in the work of reducing grades. The cars will be built on a rush order. This order is in addition to the order for steam shovels, unloaders, and dirt cars announced last week. It will mean an expenditure of several thousand dollars in addition to the \$30,000 already contracted for in a preparatory way. The reduction of grades will cost several million dollars.

Armor Plate Bids.

Washington, Aug. 14.-The navy department has decided to reject all bids for armor plate presented to the department. It is stated at the depart. ment that this does not mean that the alternative plan of erecting a government armorplate factory will be adopted, although the secretary of the navy has at his disposal \$4,000,000 with which to start a plant. New advertisements will be issued and the contractors given another chance to put their bids into shape.

The Czar Directs His Representative to

go to Tien Tsin With Chinese Escort. Washington, Aug. 14.-The action of the Russian government in authorizing M. De Giers to start from Pekin to Tien Tsin under Chinese escort causes no little concern and surprise in official circles here, as it is diametrically opposed to the course of the other governments, although there is no disposition to question the good faith which has inspired it. The officials say that its only effect is to leave M. De Giers acting independently and upon his own discretion. If he determines to leave Pekin with a Chinese guard, and succeeds in getting through spiracy of which the attempted rising to Tien Tsin, it at least will have demonstrated that this course is less hazardous than has been supposed. The position of the United States authorities is unchanged, however, in declining to entertain the idea of allowing Minister Conger to leave un-

Last Grand Army Parade.

Chicago, Aug. 14. - Complete arrangements have been made here for the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will occur on Tuesday morning, August 28. This will probably be the last great review of the veterans of the civil war, and it will be made a memorable event in the history of the organization. Fifty secure the person of Lord Roberts and thousand veterans will march through the Avenue of Fame, thence through the beautiful arches and Court of Henor, passing the reviewing stand, where they will be greeted by President McKinley and other distinguished

Fears for the Ministers.

Washington, Aug. 11 .- The gravest apprensions are felt here in official circles for the safety of the imprisoned ministers in Pekin. The alleged statement of Li Hung Chang that it is abthe allied troops in China the Paris solutely impossible for the allies to enter Pekin to escort the ministers to Tien Tsin adds greatly to the strain of the situation. It clearly implies the years have passed, the time is not long purpose of the Chinese government to resist the advance. So far as is known day when the German troops marched | there is no present prospect of calling along the Champs Elysee; and so it is a halt in the movement against Pekin.

Tne Political Kentucky Trial.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 13.-Testimony is all in and the lawyers have made their pleas in the criminal case against Caleb Powers as an accessory to the Goebel assassination. The jury is to be taken to Frankfort to view the scene of the crime. It is universally agreed that there has been perjury on both sides, and the jury will have to say which told the most lies under oath. A disagreement of the of the jury is generally expected.

Tired of South African War. London, August 14 .- The way the South African war drags out wears upon Englishmen, and no news would be so welcome as that some well-wisher of the Transvaal had convinced President Kruger that nothing in Europe or China will make Great Britain relax her ever-tightening grip on South Africa. Everybody in the army or who has anything to do with it in South Africa wants to come home and is heartily sick of it.

Dog Meat For Voters.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 14.-The fullblood element, or pull-back party, has won another sweeping victory in the election of Big Heart as chief of the Osage tribe. The election took place, the 1,700 votes were counted and the decision announced. Big Heart is a millionaire, and won his victory at the ed his voters with dog meat.

Wa Advises Chinese Government. Washington, Aug. 11.-Minister Wu tonight sent to his government the memorandum addressed to him by the Secretary of State and demanding the immediate cessation of hostile attacks by the imperial troops upon the legations and urging the imperial government to enter into communication with the relief expedition for the liberation of the legations. The minister accompanied it with another explanatory statement in which he gave the reasons why in his opinion, a compliance with the representations of the United States is advisable.

The Supreme Command in China. Berlin, Aug. 11.-Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, recently appointed to the supreme command of the German forces in China, and looked upon as likely to be chosen as commander-in-chief of the international troops, will go to China via San Francisco. He was nominated for supreme command of the allied forces in China, and it is said, the choice has been accepted by all the allied powers.

They Begged Too Late. Washington, Aug. 14.-It is stated officially that this government will pay no attention to the latest appeal from China in the form of a memorial from the southern vicerovs, begging the United States to use its influence

against the landing of British troops at Shanghai. This memorial was transmitted to the state department by the Chinese minister, Mr. Wu. It urged upon this government the serious consequences that would follow the landing of a British force there.

RUSSIAN MINISTER TO TRY IT. | R. G. DUN'S WEEKLY REPORT

Made Progress Toward a More Stable Position of Business.

GRAIN RECEIPTS INCREASE

New York, Aug. 13.-R. G. Dun Co's weekly trade review says:

Progress has been made toward nore stable position of business with few more heavy contracts to hold th ground already gained; but for a prop er interpretation of the week's result one must look beyond Wall street op erations where more than in any quar ter the vacation season is leaving it impress of inactivity. Speculation cautious but investment holdings hav increased. Working forces are smaller and will soon be fully reduced, probably for three weeks, by the closing down of cotton mills in New England, which has been delayed longer than expected.

Cotton fell so sharply that some recovery occurred in an oversold and speculative market, and spot sold at 10 cents when the official report appeared, notwithstanding many indications of further reduction in consumption. Wheat advanced about a cent, helped by poor foreign crop reports. domestic outlook is fairly cheerful, and farmers have marketed freely. Receipts at interior cities aggregating 6,287,581 bushels against 1,918,216 last year, and 2,446,417 bushels in 1898. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1,720,963 bushels wheat, flour included. against 2,503,344 bushels last year, although purchases of foreign account were large and promise an increased movement hereafter. Corn gains nearly 2 cents with the aid of dry weather reports and is 8 cents above the price at this time last year. Both receipts and exports for the week fell more than a million bushels below the same week in 1899.

Improvement is noted in boots and shoes, with only a small percentage of eastern shops at work. The textile markets have been free from such futures as marked recent divisions of prices, but business is of fair volume. Loss of the Chinese market has put coarse brown cottons in a bad position, other grades being less seriously affeeted. In woolen goods re-orders are not up to expectations, and some serges sell lower. Manufacturers show more interest in the wool market, taking fair quantities and seeking fewer concessions. The market is firmer though prices are unchanged.

Four Distilleries on Fire.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 14.-Four of Peoria's big distilleries were on fire at one time and the dry house of the Manhattan was destroyed, with a loss of about \$25,000. In the afternoon the Manhattan building caught fire, but the flames were put out by the employes. Later there was a slight blaze at the Barker distillery and another at Atlas. About 10 o'clock the alarm was again turned in. For a time it looked as if the cattle she is with the cattle in them would be destroyed, but the cattle were turned loose and the fire was afterwards put out.

High Prices For Coyotes.

Akron, Colo., Aug. 14.-The famous plains country in eastern Colorado, which was once the breeding ground and home of the buffalo, is now populated by thousands of coyotes, and so destructive have they become to the stock interests of the section in question that the state of Colorado and the cattle barons working together, are offering \$37.50 for every coyote scalp polls in the regular manner. He feast- presented. Quite an attraction for hunters.

Looting by Russians.

San Francisco, Aug 11.-Professor O. D. Clifford, of the imperial university of Tien Tsin, who was one of the last to leave the beseiged city, says:

Looting by the allied forces began as soon as they got the upper hand. The Russians led in this and went to extremes. I was an eye witness to eight cold blooded murders by them. The victims were old and infirm Chinese. The Russians stole everything in sight, looting the houses in the settlement as the Chinese would have

Archbishop Hennessey's Wealth.

Washington, D. C., August 10 .- By the settlement of Archbishop Hennessey's estate in Iowa and Minnesota, which has just been effected, the Catholic university authorities here expect to realize at least \$150,000. It is understood that his estate approximates \$1,000,000, the bulk of which is bequeathed to various charities. He acquired this vast fortune through speculation in real estate while a secular priest.

Landers Declared Insane.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 14.—George Landers, alias George Brennan, who is wanted in Kansas City, Kans., on a charge of swindling the Evans, Suider, Buell Commission Company, was tried by a jury in the county court and adjudged insane. He was ordered sent to the asylum. Landers still had three days of his term in the county jail to serve out. He was sentenced seven days ago to a ten days' term for the theft of 3 chickens. The Kansas sheriff has arrived with a requisition for him.

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COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

COWS AND HEIFERS.
STOCKERS & FEEDERS....
TEXAS FED BEEVES....
HOGS.... ON FIRE INSURANCE.

Mr. Editor: I read in a recent issue an article headed "Business Men's Ideas of Fire Insurance," and owning considerable property that I always keep insured I am naturally interested in the subject. Much of this article I know to be correct, but some of it I question and part of it I do not understand, for instance: Why, if the profit is so limited and the hazard so great in fire insurance does capital continue in it, and why is it, if the business is so unprofitable, I find that most of the companies I do my insurance with annually increase their assets until some of them today are nearly double what they were a few years ago, and I can not reconcile this with the business being conducted on so small a profit?

Now as to the valued policy law. Why do companies object to it? Why should they not pay in the event of a total loss the amount they have insured and collected premium for? Why do they, to commence with, grant more insurance than the property is worth? When men in other business make a bad bargain they have to stand it, and why not an insurance company?

What is the meaning of the anticompact law? What are its purposes? And if a bad law, why do different states enact it? It is a poor question that has not

two sides to it. I should like some light on the other side of this important one. Awaiting which, I am, respectfully,

A PROPERTY OWNER. August 9th, 19/0.

THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF

Sickness in the army in the Philippines is aboue 8 per cent, which is considered a remarkably good showing.

The department of justice has given decision that Puerto Ricans are aliens within the meaning of the naturalization laws. It says that the treaty with Spain left all questions of their civil and political rights for congress to determine, the president having no authority in the matter until congress

At the funeral of Mrs. Jane Donnol at Palmer, Illinois, the easket was carried from the farm where she had lived since she was married 77 years ago. Six of her sons carried the casket and and the aged husband walked at the head of the coffin. There were at the funeral 150 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A case of bubonic plague was discov ered on a vessel in Hamburg harbor.

All the Baptist missionaries in Eastern and Central China are in Shanghai

It transpires that Herbert R Stimpson, who killed himself in Wichita was not Herbert B. Stimpson, the son of the late William Stimpson of the Smithsonian institute at Washington, D. C. The suicide's name had been changed to Stimpson by act of the Virginia legislature. He was the son of Count Ravene, of Berlin, Prussia.

Clear water in the Chicago river is lessening the city revenue from water, factory owners drawing their supply from the river.

Hans Kramer, an American tourist, slipped from the Rax Mountain in Austria. He was found after 30 hours with both legs broken.

A Union Pacific train was robbed near Hugo, Colorado and one passenger killed. Everyone in the sleeping cars lost their valuables. It was the east bound train which left Denver on the evening of August 4.

Turkish troops have recommenced slaughtering Armenians and destroying their villages. Ali Pasha, the commandant at Bitlis lead them. Sex. age or condition is not considered by the butchers.

The surgeon general of the U.S. army says that all vacancies for assistant surgeons have been filled. Applications keep coming in.

Nathan Young, a nephew of Brigham Young, has come from Australia to Utah after an absence of 50 years. He was supposed to be dead.